

AMENDMENTS TO THE CLAIMS

This listing of claims will replace all prior versions, and listings, of claims in the application.

1. (Original) A closure (2) comprising:
a spout (4) defining an opening (6),
a removable plastics part (10) connected to the spout (4) by means of a frangible region (30),
a pulling device (12) connected to the removable part by means of a leg (14), and
means (8) creating a seal across the opening, between the removable part and the spout,
characterised in that the leg (14) is mounted such that it applies a force on a peninsula (50) of the removable part to tear the sealing means (8).
2. (Original) A closure (2) as claimed in claim 1, wherein the leg is mounted on the peninsula (50) at a periphery of the removable part (10).
3. (Previously presented) A closure (2) as claimed in claim 1, wherein the peninsula (50) is defined in the removable part (10) between a pair of projections (56) projecting from the spout (4).
4. (Original) A closure (2) as claimed in claim 1, wherein the peninsula is defined as a portion of the removable part (10) that projects into an indentation (64) in the spout (4).
5. (Previously presented) A closure (2) as claimed in claim 1, wherein a cutting tooth (58) is provided on an underside of the spout (4) adjacent each side of the peninsula (50).
6. (Currently amended) A closure (2) as claimed in claim 5, wherein the pulling device is a ring (12) having two spaced parallel legs (54) [[[14]]] rooted side by side on the peninsula (50) on a line (60) that is the same as or close to a centre line of the teeth (58).
7. (Original) A closure (2) as claimed in claim 6, wherein a buttress (62) extends from the leg (14) onto the peninsula (50) between a centre line of the teeth (58).
8. (Previously presented) A closure (2) as claimed in claim 1, wherein the peninsula (50) is defined by means of a slit (70) in the removable part (10).
9. (Original) A closure (2) as claimed in claim 8, wherein the slit (70) extends from an edge of the removable part (10) passing close to and beyond the centre.
10. (Previously presented) A closure (2) as claimed in claim 8, wherein the slit (70) is straight.

11. (Original) A closure (2) as claimed in claim 8, wherein means creating a seal is a foil (8).
12. (Original) A closure (2) as claimed in claim 11, wherein the foil (8) is welded to a container closed by the closure.
13. (Original) A closure (2) as claimed in claim 11, wherein the removable part is a plate having a raised land (34) to which the foil (8) is attached.
14. (Original) A closure (2) as claimed in claim 11, wherein the foil (8) is a multi-layer foil that is weldable on both sides.
15. (Original) A closure (2) comprising a spout (4) defining an opening, a plastics removable part (10) connected to the spout (4) by means of a frangible region (30), a foil (8) attached to the plastics part (10) and the spout (4) to form a seal across the opening, and a device mounted on the spout (4) for applying a force to a peninsula at the periphery of the removable part (10).
16. (Original) A closure as claimed in claim 15, wherein the force-applying device is a nib.
17. (Previously presented) A closure as claimed in claim 15 with an overcap that engages with the spout by threads, snap fits onto the spout or is adapted to screw to a neck of a bottle to which the closure is fitted.
18. (Currently amended) A container comprising a container body and a closure (2) as claimed in claim 15, wherein the body is secured to the closure by means of [[a or]] the foil (8).
19. (Original) A container as claimed in claim 18, wherein the container is made of a material selected from plastics laminate, combined with another material, such as steel or paperboard; PET; or polypropylene.